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**William G. Connelly**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Maryland 1973 BA, 1976 JD; Georgetown 1979 LLM  
Began Service: March 31, 1995  
Term Expires: March 30, 2011

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Maryland Circuit Court, Prince George's County (1976-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Stern & Connelly (1981-1995)

**Military Service:** Active, United States Air Force (1977-1981); Reserves, United States Air Force (1981-2005)

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**Susan K. Gauvey**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Northwestern 1973 JD  
Began Service: February 26, 1996  
Term Expires: February 26, 2012  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Morell E. Sharp, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington (1973-1974)

**Government:** Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Bureau, Mental Health Law Project (1975-1977); Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland (1979-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Venable, Baetjer & Howard (1986-1996)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.; National Association of Women Judges; National Women's Law Center; Network 2000; Wranglers Law Club

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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Charles B. Day**  
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**Charles Bernard Day**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1957  
Education: Maryland 1978 BA; American U 1980 MS;  
Maryland Law 1984 JD  
Began Service: February 18, 1997  
Term Expires: February 2013

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The District of Columbia Bar; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.

#### Chambers of Magistrate Judge Charles B. Day continued

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**James K. Bredar**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1957  
Education: Harvard 1979 AB; Georgetown 1982 JD  
Began Service: January 26, 1998  
Term Expires: January 2014

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Richard P. Matsch, United States District Court for the District of Colorado

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Colorado District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1985-1989); Assistant Federal Public Defender, United States District Court for the District of Colorado (1989-1991); Federal Public Defender, United States District Court for the District of Maryland

**Nonprofit:** Project Director, Vera Institute of Justice (1991-1992)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.

**Staff**  
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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner**  
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**Beth P. Gesner**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1958  
Education: Indiana (PA) 1979 BA; Georgetown 1983 JD  
Began Service: May 1999

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America (1990-1999)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chambers of District Judge William Benson Bryant, United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1983-1984)

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal and Civil Cases, Maryland District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1987-1992); Southern Division Chief, Greenbelt (MD) Office, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1997-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Litigation Attorney, Washington, DC Office, Hogan & Hartson LLP (1984-1987)

**Staff**  
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Term Expires: September 2011  
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#### Chambers of Magistrate Judge Thomas M. DiGirolamo

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**Thomas M. DiGirolamo**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: Dickinson Law 1981 JD  
Began Service: June 30, 2004  
Term Expires: June 2012  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Maryland Circuit Court, Washington County (1981-1982)

**Government:** Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, County of Washington, Maryland (1983-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.; Washington County Bar Association

**Staff**  
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Education: Baltimore JD

#### Chambers of Magistrate Judge (part-time) Victor H. Laws III

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**Victor H. Laws III**  
Magistrate Judge (Part-Time)

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Brown U 1975 AB; Maryland 1978 JD  
Began Service: March 22, 1988  
Term Expires: March 2012  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Affiliation:** Partner, Laws & Robertson, PA

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.; Wicomico County Bar Association

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**Duncan W. Keir**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Maryland 1975 JD  
Began Service: 1993  
Term Expires: November 11, 2021

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, School of Law, University of Maryland, Baltimore (1989)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Miles & Stockbridge P.C.; Deputy General Counsel, Maryland National Bank, American Security Bank (1991-1993)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1968-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Bankruptcy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Staff**  
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**James F. Schneider**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Baltimore 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: February 1, 1982  
Term Expires: October 2, 2014



**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Albert L. Sklar, Baltimore City Circuit Court (1972-1973)

**Government:** Assistant State's Attorney, State of Maryland (1973-1978); General Equity Master, Supreme Bench, City of Baltimore, Maryland (1978-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The Bar Association of Baltimore City; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.

**Staff**  
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